

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claim 25 is cancelled. Claim 24 is amended. Claims 1-22 and 24 are pending.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 1, claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 24 is amended in light of the Examiner's comments, and accordingly, withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 2, claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 25 is cancelled.

In the Office Action, at page 3, numbered paragraph 3, claims 1-22 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 25 is cancelled. This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to claims 1-22.

The Examiner concedes that the "means" limitations are carried out by a processor and that no particular structures in the drawings or disclosure perform the claimed function. However, Fig. 7 specifically discloses a processor 11 and the specification particularly recites that the processor 11 is able to read a system program stored in the ROM 12. Thus, as the Examiner concedes that the "means" limitations are carried out by a processor, and Fig. 7 discloses a processor 11 to carry out the program stored in the ROM 12 which performs the functions specified in claims 1-22, then the present claims 1-22 are not indefinite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph, rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 25 has been cancelled. Claim 24 has been amended. Claim 1-22 and 24 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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